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Greetings,

I am writing in regards to MPA locations on the Sonoma county coast. As I'm sure you are well aware of this area is a popular abalone diving and spearfishing location for many thousands of freedivers. I myself am a third generation California spearfisherman.

I have been informed on proposals to close some areas of the Sonoma coast that are invaluable recreational fishing areas. As I understand the MLPa mandates very large reserves every 30-60 miles. I would recommend that the area between Jenner and Gualala remain free from extensive no take reserves. Conservation areas would be better suited due to the volume of recreational divers, access and their economic importance to the small businesses in the area. Sea Ranch and Salt Point are the main two areas that I ask be left open for the future generations of divers to responsibly dive and fish as they have in the past.

Respectfully,

Kale Pastel